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D. APPLETON & CO. have just ready "The Speaking Telephone," by Geo. S. Prescott, in which he also includes readable papers on the electric light and other recent electrical improvements. "Tales from the German of Paul Heyse," forming No. 15 of *Collection of Foreign Authors*, and "My Guardian," by Ada Cambridge, make up their list of fiction for this week. "Exercise and Training," by C. H. Rolfe, and "Alcohol," by W. S. Greenfield, are the first of the valuable series of *Health Primers*, and the "Appleton's Handbook of Winter Resorts" has been revised for the winter of 1878–79.

HARPER & BROTHERS will send out next week Samuel Smiles' new book, illustrated, on the Scotish geologist, "Robert Dick, Baker of Thurso," of which we have already spoken; an eclectic volume on Samuel Johnson, as described by Boswell and other chroniclers and in his own writings, edited by E. T. Mason; a story of colonial days, "Captain Nelson," by the well-known chronicler Samuel Adams Drake, in the *Library of American Fiction;* and in the *Half-Hour* series, a welcome little "Primer of Spanish Literature" by Helen P. Conant, and Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield."

BESIDES the two volumes nearly ready at Chas. Scribner's Sons, already noted,—Jules Simon's History of the French Government under Thiers, and Prof. Boyesen's book on Goethe and Schiller,—they have in preparation, for early in the new year, two volumes of Gladstone's essays, of which there will be five in all, embracing, under the title of "Gleanings of Past Years," his most important contributions to periodical literature during the entire period from 1843 to 1878; Max Müller's Hibbert Lectures, delivered in the Chapter House of Westminster Abbey, "On the Origin and Growth of Religion as Illustrated by the Religions of India;" a volume of sermons by Rev. Chas. Shakspeare, with introduction by Canon Farrar, presenting, on the text of "St. Paul at Athens," a defence of spiritual Christianity in relation to certain aspects of modern thought; and a revised and enlarged edition, the final one, of ex-President Woolsey's important work on "International Law."

HENRY HOLT & CO. promise some pleasant reading for the new year in Frances Anne Kemble's "Records of a Girlhood," of which they will presently issue a handsome one-volume American edition, containing all the matter of the three English volumes, with a lovely portrait of Fanny Kemble as a girl, engraved here for their edition. Her reminiscences of those famous days of the English stage when she herself was a rising star, and of her acquaintance with the most famous people of that time, have already much delighted readers of the *Atlantic Monthly*, but these articles form only a portion of the book. An index has been prepared for this volume. Henry Holt & Co. also have nearly ready a book on "Demonology and Devil-lore," by Moncure D. Conway, who claims on his title-page a double right to treat of the subject, as both a B.D. of Divinity College, Harvard University, and a member of the Anthropological Institute, London. The book will be one to take rank with E. B. Tylor's important and interesting works on primitive culture and folk-lore, and will make two large volumes, with a number of illustrations depicting various imaginings of His Satanic Majesty.

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Imported books are marked with an asterisk; authors' and subscription books, or books published at net prices, with two asterisks; educational books published at "wholesale" prices, with a dagger.

Addison, Jos. The spectator: moral, humorous, satirical, and critical essays. Handy ed. 2 v. in 1. N. Y., R. Worthington, 1878 318 + 301 p. 12°. cl., $1.25.

Archibald the cat, and other sea yarns, by the old sailor "out of the World." With il. by F. S. Church. N. Y., *The World*, 1878. 60 p. sq. S. ("Out of the World" ser., no. 3.) pap., 25 c.

13 amusing stories of personal adventure on the sea; told in sailor dialect.

Barnwell, R. Grant. History of the Russo-Turkish war. Phil., J: E. Potter & Co., 1878. 15 + 640 p. maps, plans and il. 12°. cl., $2.50.

Boy's own book: cyclopædia of all athletic, scientific, recreation, outdoor and indoor exercises and diversions. 5th ed., rev. N. Y., R. Worthington, 1878. 362 p. il. 12°. cl., $1.25.

Caledonia, described by Scott, Burns and Ramsay; il. by J: Macwhirter, eng. by R. Patterson. N. Y., R. Worthington, 1878. 441 p. il. 4°. cl., $7.50.

Famous boys and how they became great men. [New issue.] N. Y., R. Worthington, 1878. 300 p. il. 12°. cl., $1.25.

Frazier, Mark. Who did it? N. Y., Authors' Pub. Co. [1878]. 137 p. sq. S. (Satchel ser.) pap., 30 c.

Story of suspended animation—a girl's apparent death, burial, and secret removal; takes place in a small New England town in 1857.

German (The): how to give it, how to lead it, how to dance it; by two amateur leaders. Chic., Jansen, McClurg & Co., 1878. 132 p. 12°. cl., $1.25.

Hall, F. de Havilland. Differential diagnosis: a manual of the comparative semeiology of the more important diseases. Am. ed., with extensive add. Phila., D. G. Brinton, 1879. 7–205 p. sq. D. cl., $2.

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Hill, Rosamond *and* Florence D. The recorder of Birmingham: mem. of Matthew Davenport Hill, by his daughters. N. Y., Macmillan, 1878. 19 + 515 p. 8°. cl., *$4.50.

Hittell, J: S. History of San Francisco, and, incidentally, of California. San Francisco, A. L. Bancroft & Co., 1878. 500 p. 8°. cl., $4.

Houghton, George. Drift from York Harbor, Maine. [Poems.] Bost., A. Williams & Co., 1879. 48 p. sq. D. pap., 35 c.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO. — The loss incurred by Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., educational publishers, at the recent fire in their establishment is said to have been fully covered by the insurance.

LANSING, MICH.—Wesley Emery, bookseller, stationer, etc., has taken as a partner in his business, Wm. H. Forester, for five years in the book trade as a partner of H. P. Hitchcock. They have just moved into a new four-story building, occupying the whole of it themselves, and will carry on the business under the name of Emery & Forester.

NEW YORK CITY.—Mr. J. Henry Harper, grandson of the late Mr. Fletcher Harper, became a partner in the firm of Harper & Bros. January 1st.

NEW YORK CITY.—A. J. Bicknell & Co., publishers, have dissolved partnership, J. C. Hutchings retiring. The business will be continued by A. J. Bicknell and W. T. Comstock, under the name of Bicknell & Comstock.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Wm. H. Grevemeyer has retired from the firm of Sower, Potts & Co., educational publishers, and has been admitted to that of David D. Elder & Co., booksellers, etc., the latter firm name being changed to Elder, Grevemeyer & Co.

PLAIN VIEW, MINN.—P. A. Goddard & Co. have purchased the drug and book business of G. S. La Rue & Co.

SOUTH PARIS, ME.—A. M. Gerry has opened a drug and book-store in the new Odd Fellows' Block. He also carries a full line of stationery, toys, and fancy goods.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The partnership of Bryan, Brand & Co., publishers, expired January 1st by limitation. Wm. S. Bryan disposes of his interest to H. W. Brand, who will continue the business under the name of H. W. Brand & Co.

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TWO DANGERS TO THE TRADE.

WE had intended giving space this week to some discussion of the copyright question in its present phases,—a matter which needs consideration in its home quite as much as in its international aspects. But there are two immediate dangers threatening the trade from legislation proposed in the present Congress that must be met at once if any action at all is to be taken,—both questions more pressing than that of copyright, though in the one case notunrelated to it.

The Postmaster-General recommended to Congress in his annual report (PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, 7th Dec., 1878) such legislation as should permit "the delivery to addresses in this country free of customs duty of newspapers and *other articles of printed matter* received in the mails from foreign countries." This seems on its face a simple recommendation, desirable on practicable grounds of common-sense. But what does it mean? The Post Office Department has already decided that foreign periodicals may be delivered through the mails to private subscribers but not to dealers who purpose to sell again. This ruling may or may not be continued under the proposed new legislation; even if it is not, such legislation proposes in effect a direct discrimination against American dealers and in favor of dealers abroad. It is very well for "Mr. Henry Stevens of Vermont," residing and doing business in London as a book-agent, to declare that the restriction of the privilege of sending books duty free through the mails is a blot on his native country, but how about those who remain in their native country and desire to do business here? If an American purchaser desires a copy of the fine edition of Thackeray, let us say, he will not buy it of a dealer in New York or Boston or Chicago, or permit his local dealer to order it from them, if he can dodge a duty of 25 per cent by ordering direct from a dealer in London. The American dealer cannot import this book in quantity so low as the American purchaser can buy it by the single copy, because the former must pay his 25 per cent; nor can the American dealer do business at any profit to himself by ordering single copies sent to his customers by his London agent, or by making all his importations in single copies through the mails, both evident means of evading the injustice of the proposed method. The way out which suggests itself, at first sight, to the uninitiated, is Prof. Seelye's finely generous measure of "free trade in books," but the most absolute free-trader, who is also a fair-minded man, will not support a measure which throws off a duty of 25 per cent on books, and leaves a duty of 35 per cent more or less on all the materials of books. The matter is also complicated with copyright relations. This whole line of questions has to be considered and consistent legislation devised together, toward which we shall make some practical suggestions in an early issue. Until a consistent plan is provided, it seems to us the legislation proposed should be avoided; and the Custom House should be more rather than less stringent, as has been found necessary recently with passengers' baggage, an exact parallel,—difficult as is a customs administration of the mails. We suggest that the trade should take some practical steps of protest at once. It should not be forgotten, however, that the practical convenience of receiving books through the mails cannot wisely be denied to the private citizen, provided the trade is not put at disadvantage by the remission of duties contemplated.

The other danger is stowed away in the new postal bill. The pending bill omits altogether not only the detailed proviso against merely advertising sheets, but also the proviso excluding "publications which are but books or reprints of books" from bulk rates. By this omission, not only are the cheap libraries given a privilege above the identical matter in other shape (as the Harper brown paper octavo), but there is nothing to prevent the admission at bulk rates of subscription books issued in

concealed, which sufficiently attest his ingenuity and skill in this field. The only criticism

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parts,—another blow at the regular trade which surely suffers enough already. It is somewhat extraordinary that the publishers represented in the Executive Committee of the Postal Conference indorsed this omission, which is not in the interests of "justice, simplicity, uniformity" at all, but the explanation is that they did not desire to take ground which should seem to be in selfish advocacy of their own immediate interests. The result is a decided injustice, against which also the book trade should enter protest. The provisos ought to be restored.

We hope to see action on both these points inaugurated by leading members of the trade.

THE monthly lists for November and December, necessarily crowded over in the rush of the end of the year, may be expected, as also the Index for vol. XIV., in our next issue.

HONORS TO AN EDITOR.

166 BOULEVARD MONT PARNASSE,
PARIS, Dec. 6, 1878.

DEAR SIR: In recognition of your eminent merits as an educational administrator, and especially as editor of the "Cyclopædia of Education," which was one of the most valuable contributions to our Educational Exhibition, the Minister of Public Instruction has issued a decree constituting you Officer of the Academy.

I expect to be charged with the agreeable duty of placing in your hands the insignia of this Order of the University of France, consisting of a silver wreath of palm suspended from a purple ribbon, and a diploma, comprising a copy of the decree, signed by the minister.

I hasten to offer you my cordial congratulations on the reception of this well-merited decoration. The copies of the Cyclopædia which your publisher [Mr. Steiger] so generously placed at my disposal have been presented to eminent officials, from whom very interesting acknowledgments have been received.

I beg to inclose a copy of the correspondence with the minister on this matter.

Yours most truly,

JOHN D. PHILBRICK.

HENRY KIDDLE, Esq., Officer of the Academy, Superintendent of the Public Schools of New York City.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE *Health Reformer*, published for four years at Battle Creek, Mich., by J. H. Kellogg, changes its name after the 1st of January to *Good Health*, which we most sincerely hope it will enjoy.

SCRIBNER & CO. report that with the beginning of the new year *St. Nicholas* shows a gain in circulation of from fifteen to twenty per cent. Of the January number over 85,000 copies have been sold, and the publishers are still reprinting it. For February, 90,000 copies will be issued.

THE issue of Robinson's *Epitome of Literature* for January 15th will be a number of especial interest, containing articles from Dr. S. Austin Allibone, Prof. R. B. Anderson, and eminent Shakespearian scholars, and its usual reviews of new books, etc. It also promises the first instalment of articles in a new and unique department, of interest to all exchanges and general readers.

THE *Missionary Herald* will enter its seventy-fifth volume with the January number, in a new typographical dress, and with the added feature of illustrations. The January number will also contain a new map of Japan. This is the oldest monthly magazine in the United States, and under the management of Mr. Chas. Hutchins has become one of the largest in mail circulation in the United States or the world.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS will add to their medical publications *The Archives of Medicine*, a bi-monthly journal, edited by Dr. E. C. Seguin, assisted by Drs. T. A. McBride, M. D. Mann, and L. A. Stimson, and which is planned to be in some measure a continuation of the *Archives of Scientific and Practical Medicine*, formerly issued by them under the editorship of Drs. Brown-Sequard and E. C. Seguin, and of the *American Series of Clinical Lectures*, edited by Dr. Seguin.

THE February *Scribner's* will be the midwinter issue, with a characteristic cover designed by Church. The frontispiece will be a portrait of Emerson, by Eaton and Cole, after the style of the Bryant and other portraits. The article to accompany it is entitled "The Homes and Haunts of Emerson," and will have several illustrations. R. H. Stoddard's Bryant memorial poem, "The Dead Master," will be given in this number, and E. C. Stedman will have a paper on "Aërial Navigation," which is a hobby with him.

PERSONAL MENTION.

ON Thursday, Dec. 26, 1878, Wm. A. Stewart and Mary A. Burnett were married at Trinity Church, Morrisania, by the Rev. Albert Hull.

THE late Henry S. King—of the English publishing house of Henry S. King & Co.—proves to have been the friend who wrote out Frederic W. Robertson's sermons for the press, from the preacher's rough drafts and the notes of his parishioners.

THE third generation of the Harper family makes its entrance into the firm with the admission January 1st of Mr. J. Henry Harper, who has for some time held a leading position in the house. Mr. Harper is a grandson of Fletcher Harper, Sr., whose name reaches the fourth generation in connection with a young son of the former. Mr. J. H. Harper's work in the house has been especially important during the absences abroad of Mr. J. W. Harper, Jr., whose right hand he has been, and his own suggestiveness and taste have been directly exemplified in the binding and get-up of many of the most notable books issued within two years past. The firm is to be congratulated on this proof of the family ability in the third generation to which, in the words of its motto, the torch is passed along, and Mr. J. H. Harper on his well-earned recognition.

MR. F. B. PATTERSON, known to many members of the book trade, has for some time devoted himself to a novel field of publishing—what may be called fine-art advertising. We have before us a number of striking and tasteful pamphlets, Christmas cards, and other devices, in which advertising is most ingeniously

concealed, which sufficiently attest his ingenuity and skill in this field. The only criticism to be made is that so much of these qualities should be lavished in publications outside the sacred limits of the trade, though it must be confessed that these handsome covers attain a somewhat larger circulation (anywhere up to a quarter of a million) than most they would on books in the hands of the trade.

STATIONERY NOTES.

A. J. FISHER has, as usual, a fine stock of valentines this year.

GEO. A. RAISBECK and Chas. S. Plummer deserve great credit for the get-up of their elegant New Year's calling card.

MR. J. C. MIDDLETON, for twenty-one years with the Methodist Book Concern, entered upon his duties as manager of the salesroom and business of Wemple & Kronheim on the 1st inst. He carries with him the best wishes of his many business friends. Messrs. Wemple & Kronheim have already begun on their art novelties for Easter, and will make, besides all their other specialties, fancy boxes for papeteries, gloves, etc.

V. E. MAUGER & PETRIE have reached what they consider "bottom prices" on their round-cornered indexed cards. The new price-list shows that No. 180, Steamships, has been restored to their lines with index and rounded corners, making this popular card still more desirable. No. 240 p is an entirely new line of Palace Steamboats, with elegant set pattern backs, and printed in a variety of brilliant colors, making them a very tasty and showy cheap card ; $24 per gross.

"THINKQUICK" is a new parlor game, published by R. H. Walker, N. Y., and sent us by C. D. Burbank, Jersey City. The game is played as follows : One person shuffles the cards and deals them equally among the players, who hold them printed side down until called. He then calls one of the following words, "Bird," "Beast," "Fish," or "Fruit," and immediately counts ten. As quick as the call is made, each player must look at his top card, and the person whose card contains that word must give the name of something that was called *before the caller counts* TEN. For instance, the caller gives the word "Beast" and counts, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. *Before he reaches "ten"* the players whose top cards show the word Beast must give the name of any beast they happen to think of, such as Bear, Cow, Rhinoceros, etc. The other players are to keep quiet. The game may seem very simple, but if tried the players will soon find that they cannot "thinkquick" enough.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY will issue in the early spring "A Thorny Path," by Hesba Stretton, having made special arrangements with the authoress for the same. It will also be issued as a serial by the *Illustrated Christian Weekly* at once.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO. have just ready a fourth edition of Joel Cook's "Holiday Tour in Europe," which the *Philadelphia Progress* speaks of as "one of the most instructive and best written books of travel that has of late been published in this country."

WE call especial attention to the sale, at Messrs. Bangs' rooms, 20th January, of the library of the late Charles S. Hunt, of the New York *Times*, which is very rich in political economy, finance, etc. The sale, we believe, is for the benefit of Mr. Hunt's widow. The books have been catalogued by Mr. George P. Philes, and the neat catalogue is printed by Sears & Cole, who did the Odell catalogue.

LITTLE, BROWN & CO. have just published a law book covering very much the same ground as Lippitt's Massachusetts Criminal Law, "A Practical Treatise on the Authority and Duties of Trial Justices, District, Police, and Municipal Courts in Criminal Cases. With Forms in Criminal Proceedings, and Precedents of Complaints, Indictments, and Special Pleas," by Franklin Fiske Heard, Esq., of Boston.

DODD, MEAD & CO. will open the new year with the promised Life of Bishop Cummins, an octavo of several hundred pages, with two portraits and other illustrations, which will be especially notable as giving a history of the origin and development of the Reformed Episcopal Church movement, of which church Dr. Cummins was the first bishop. A new novel by Martha Finley, whose *Elsie Books* have had a sale of nearly 50,000 copies, is promised by this house under the title of "Signing the Contract."

MR. B. R. CURTIS, author of "Dottings Round the Circle," has for some time been engaged in editing a volume which will be published in a few weeks by Little, Brown & Co. It will contain a memoir of Judge Benj. R. Curtis, father of the editor, written by the judge's brother, Hon. George Ticknor Curtis, now of New York ; also a selection from the judicial and miscellaneous writings of Judge Curtis, who is distinctly remembered by the legal profession as one of the ablest and soundest jurists this country has produced.

"THE American Almanac and Treasury of Facts, 1879," by A. R. Spofford, is nearly ready at the American News Company's. The volume for this year is substantially a new work, and gives much prominence to the great industries of the United States, its commerce with other nations, and its leading agricultural staples and their markets at home and abroad. It contains also a vast mass of miscellaneous statistics embodying the essence of hundreds of volumes of public documents and other books which made the previous volume so very useful ; also the full vote at the general election of 1878.

MACMILLAN & CO. are just sending out to the trade two important books received too late for the winter season, the comprehensive and valuable book on "Coal, its History and Uses," by Profs. Thorpe and others, fully illustrated, and an interesting volume of travel and adventure in Southern India, "Sport and Work on the Nepaul Frontier," also fully illustrated, by "Maori" (James Inglis). They expect at once two beautiful books which should have been here for the holiday trade, the illustrated edition of Waterton's "Wanderings in South America" and the "Journal of a Tour in Marocco," by Sir Joseph Hooker and John Ball ; also, the essay on Dante by Very Rev. R. W. Church, including a translation of his "De Monarchia."

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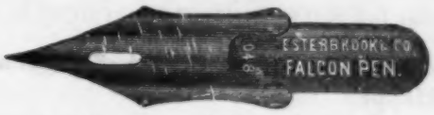

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